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During the month of January, many activities are being planned throughout Los Angeles County to focus attention on the importance of early detection and prevention of cervical cancer.

Approximately 550 women in Los Angeles County will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year and 160 women will die unnecessarily because cervical cancer is a preventable disease.

Because cervical cancer has no early signs and symptoms, it is very important that women get a regular Pap test. 50-70% of newly diagnosed women have not had a Pap test in 5 years or more. Low-income women, women of color and recent immigrants are most at risk.

To increase the number of women screened, the Office of Women's Health provides access to free Pap testing for low-income women. This service may be accessed by calling the toll free multi-lingual hotline at (800) 793-8090. Through these

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efforts and those of our community partners, awareness is being raised that cervical cancer is preventable with routine Pap tests and no woman should have to die from this preventable disease.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Proclaim the month of January 2006 as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" throughout Los Angeles County in recognition of the many activities to increase awareness that cervical cancer is preventable with routine screening exams that lead to its early detection and treatment; and
2. Encourage County departments to provide educational activities for department staff, coordinate and participate in community outreach and screening activities during January 2006; and
3. Instruct the Auditor-Controller to work with the Director of Health Services in making arrangements to provide Cervical Cancer Awareness Month information in the January 2006 paychecks of all County employees.

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